

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BULLETIN

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MEETINGS this quarter will be at the B.P.Theatrette, 3rd
floor, City Mutual Building, Liverpool St. 8 p.m.

by courtesy, B.P.Australia.

PRESIDENT: Mr J.G.K.Harris. Ph. 391260.

HON. SEC: Miss E.N.Mitchell. Ph 296959
(not later than 9 a.m.)

TREASURER: Miss A.M.Tagg. Ph. 391117

LIBRARIAN: Mrs M McDonald: Ph 232260

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 15 Thursday: General Meeting.

Mr Peter Blackwell will give a talk (with slides)
of Maatsuyker Island.

Report on Federation biannual meeting held on
King Island on Oct 20th.

Nov 17. Saturday: Outing to Gretna-

Organiser, Miss E. Holt. Ph 439175.

Mrs Denise Downie will lead an outing on the
property "Glenelg". An outing was held there in
August 1976 when many birds and flowers were recorded.
Leave Prince Theatre - 9 a.m.

Jan 11, 1980. Friday, 8 p.m. Executive Meeting.

Jan 17. Thursday. General Meeting. *D. Rounsevell NPWS*

Jan 18-20. Weekend trip to Strathgordon. "Antarctic"

Our new members living at Strathgordon will welcome
a visit from our club and join us on walks in their
area. We hope to have a slide show on the Saturday
evening in the Sports Centre.

Accommodation available

Lake Pedder Chalet - Ph 882303

Camping and Caravan Park - Ph 882344

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKING

Mrs Marjorie Wall would like to know if you are going

Phone her on 284165

Feb. 21st. General Meeting -to be arranged.

Feb. outing " " "

LIBRARY NOTESIMPORTANT

Please return any F.Nat.Library books you may have, at the November meeting so that a check can be made of the lists.

DONATIONS

Tasmanian Flora, by Leonard Rodway.

from Mrs Thorpe

Stars of the Southern Heavens, by James Nangle.

White's Natural History of Selbourne.

From Mr K Aves.

Australian Nature Stories by Ron K. Monroe

from M.L.Westbrook.

Tasmanian Bird Report - No. 7. This is now available from Mr K. Harris.

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BONESEED

Mr Wall has received a letter from the Director of Parks and Recreation:-

Quote: 'Thankyou for your letter dated 15.7.79. regarding the African Boneseed.

'I certainly have no objection to you removing the weed wherever you find it. Thankyou very much for the offer. I wish other people would make the same offer.'

..... so there you are, Field Mats! Keep your eyes open and your pulling hand in good trim!

At the Federation meeting it was acknowledged that it would not now be possible to eradicate it from Tasmania- but perhaps the National Parks and Wildlife Service could try to keep it out of National Parks and Reserves.

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'Save the Leopard' Campaign.

'Friends of the Earth' Burnie Branch are backing this Campaign by selling pictorial stickers to help provide funds to mount an accurate survey of the remaining leopard population. Our Secretary has a number of these stickers for sale. She would be pleased to hear of anyone who would like stickers to sell, or who would like to make a donation.

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SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mrs E J Bower
 Mrs N Craik
 Mrs M Davis
 Miss P Hamilton
 Mr J G Gardner

Mr and Mrs Les Haynes
 Mr and Mrs H Johnston
 Mr and Mrs B Scott
 Mr F T Morris
 Mr L Winchester

A warm welcome is extended to these new members of our club. We hope you will spend many happy and informative hours at our meetings and outings, and enlarge your circle of like-minded friends.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In March, this club will hold its A.G.M. It is not too early to consider who we will have as office bearers and committee members. We are hoping that some of our new members will become so enthusiastic that they will offer themselves for selection - new blood on a committee helps to keep up the vitality of a club, and jobs shared are lightened for all. It is the responsibility of EVERY member to see that all the positions are filled - so put on your considering cap and be ready when the big day comes!

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1980.

Like escalators, our costs go up and up. -But there the similarity ends - there is NO down and down.

Revised subs - due on January 1st, 1980, will be:-

Junior	\$5	Adult	\$9
Pensioner	\$5	Family	\$12.

These fees include the Bulletin and The Tasmanian Naturalist. The Sub. for non-members who wish to receive " " will remain at \$3 for the time being.

Expensive???? The last time I had a 'dinner' at a restaurant it cost me \$16. for a mere 3 hours on one evening.

But look what you get for your F. Nats Sub! 11 nights out, 11 outings, plus all the information, slides etc, good exercise in the fresh air, friends to be made, a quarterly Bulletin - and the Tasmanian Naturalist.

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THE TASMANIAN TRAMP - Special Edition - Hobart Walking Club 50th Anniversary - available from Miss E Holt for \$3, and WELL WORTH IT - full of photographs including some coloured ones, articles on former Life Members - and others - maps, poems - a publication not to be missed!

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Our '75th'

There was a good roll up of members on Sep 20th and all appreciated the Birthday Cake (made by Mrs. Stephens) with its brown Platypus on white icing with green background. The cutting of the cake was performed by Life Member, Mr Kelsey Aves - and we have some slides to record the happy occasion. The special outing, too, was well attended, and in lovely warm sunshine we retraced the steps of the first folk to go on a F. Nats outing - up Old Farm Road behind the Cascade Brewery and up Myrtle Gully. We came back to a field by the road for lunch and boiled the billy as they did so long ago. I wonder if the club will still be going in another 75 years? It will be the year 2054!

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FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA

Five members of this club attended the biannual meeting held on King Island on Oct. 20th. We flew in 6-seater planes on Charter and were billeted for the weekend. Discussion ranged through Signposting, Dismal Swamp, Ragwort, Boneseed, Marine Parks, Roadside Reserves, Gravel Pits, Coloured Poison Baits, proposed additional Reserves. It is expected that the A.G.M. 1980 will be held at Burnie on the March long weekend so that a visit can be made to Dismal Swamp where the Forestry are researching the possibility of growing Blackwood for commercial purposes. The weather was really wonderful and so were the King Island Field Nats who did everything to see that we enjoyed our stay and saw as much of King Island as possible in the time available.

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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BULLETINFriday, Jan. 25th.

Bulletin Folding Night - Friday Feb. 8th,
at 6 Richardson Ave, Dynnyrne.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED - happy evening, lots of chat,
and a cuppa to finish.

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A suggestion - why not pay your 1980 sub at the
November meeting and get it over! Nice to feel you
are financial for the next twelve months.....

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